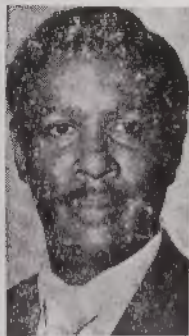


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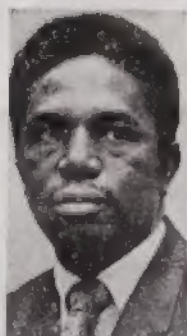
## New coalition challenges Baraka, UCC leadership



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By FRED HILLMANN

A group of black political and civic leaders in Newark yesterday announced they have formed a coalition in an effort to oust United Community Corporation President David Baraka, the city's top anti-poverty official, who is closely allied with black activist Imamu Amara Baraka (LeRoi Jones).

The group, which admitted it had to bury deep past differences to forge the coalition, accused Baraka, since his election as UCC president, of "diverting an unprecedented amount of UCC money from community use to programs sponsored by a LeRoi Jones group."

The coalition also charged both Baraka and Baraka are trying to "usurp" the powers of Newark Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson.

In an effort to dump the UCC's "power-hungry" leadership and black Baraka's bid for a second term as chief of the agency, the coalition will enter a slate of four candidates in the June 17 election of UCC trustees.

The leaders of the dump-Baraka move are Assemblyman George C. Richardson (D-Essex), Clarence Coggin, director of the Community Action Program of the Model Cities program; Larrie Stinks, secretary to the Newark Planning Board; and Louis C. Ward, Central Ward Democratic chairman. Ward will serve as coordinator for the slate.

The candidates on the coalition slate will be William James, an assistant to Coggin; Joseph Scrimmager, president of Forefront Manufacturing Co. and Richardson's legislative aide; Ann Crumidy, an associate of Mrs. Stinks; and Miguel Rodriguez, president of Commonwealth Better Housing Corp. and a trustee of FOCUS, the city's Puerto Rican anti-poverty unit.

James, spokesman for the slate which will run under the slogan "Newark elected only one mayor," said the group has been meeting for several months to "return guidance of the Newark anti-poverty agency to the community as a whole."

Calling themselves "Concerned UCC Members," the group's members said they were prompted to enter a dump-Baraka slate by "rumors of dissatisfaction" among UCC members, and the "partisan politics practiced by the present UCC leadership."

Specifically, the coalition charged Baraka, elected last year with the "strong support" of the Committee for a Unified Newark, headed by Baraka, with "diverting UCC money from community use" to programs conducted by Baraka's committee.

The coalition put no dollar figure on the alleged diversion but said it has contributed to "diverting the agency's purpose from its job of aiding the poor to building a partisan political power base within the UCC for the benefit of certain self-styled community leaders."

The coalition's slogan, James said, refers to "the fact that there have been charges from a number of quarters that LeRoi Jones is attempting to usurp the powers of Mayor Gibson." "Although these charges have been made publicly for some time," he said, "they were heard in public more frequently during the recent schools strike, when Mayor Gibson's efforts to settle the strike were undercut a number of times by the supporters of LeRoi Jones."

The coalition said evidence of efforts to "undercut" Gibson came midway through the nearly three-month teachers strike at a press conference, which was called by Baraka and attended by Baraka.

Baraka was openly critical of Gibson's handling of the strike and accused the mayor of "trying to please everyone."

"He's trying to please the devils and the angels at the same time," Baraka said.

Gibson, in turn, denounced "self-appointed community leaders making a lot of noise."

The leaders of the dump-Baraka coalition have not always been on the same side of the fence on political and civic issues. They managed to mend their past differences, they said, because of the conditions at the UCC.

The coalition was urged, James admitted, "only after much discussion and soul-searching by a number of black and Puerto Rican leaders in Newark who have not always agreed."

"These groups who have now joined forces in the persons of our four UCC candidates have at other times stood in direct opposition to each other," he said.

In the 1970 mayoral campaign, for example, Coggin backed Gibson's bid from the beginning, while Richardson ran as an independent mayoral candidate and Mrs. Stinks was in the camp of former Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio.

"We find it a great source of hope for Newark's future," the coalition said, "that during the power struggle now taking place in our city, they were able to bury past differences in a joint effort to support the concept of viable, elective black and Puerto Rican government."

Their bid for UCC board of trustee seats, the group said, is based on the belief that "the UCC was organized to help move Newark's people toward prosperity and peace."

"Under the present leadership, the UCC works primarily for the power-hungry," it said. "When we are elected, it will again work for the poor and hungry."

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# Return the U.C.C. to Newark's poor

On Thursday, June 17

## VOTE THE 'COALITION 4'

The U.C.C. is OUR agency. It was designed to help us end poverty in our own lives, and in all of Newark.

ITS MONEY SHOULD NOT BE USED TO BUILD THE POWER AND GLORY OF ONE MAN.....OR ONE CAUSE!

LeRoi Jones was not elected anything. Yet he has already tried to overpower the U.C.C.....as he's trying to take power in Newark.

Newark's first black Mayor was elected by a coalition of people last year. Now a coalition of people is trying to save the U.C.C. from a small, noisy, power-hungry group that insists everything must be done its way... or it won't be done at all!

IF YOU WANT NEWARK'S PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER....  
IF YOU WANT TO MOVE NEWARK FORWARD....  
IF YOU BELIEVE IN EFFECTIVE BLACK AND PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT....  
IF YOU DESPISE STRONG-ARM METHODS....  
IF YOU BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF CHOICE....  
IF YOU BELIEVE THE U.C.C. SHOULD WORK FOR THE POOR, INSTEAD OF THE POWER HUNGRY....

## Stand With Us Now ... Vote the 'COALITION 4'... We Will!

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 LARRY STOKES - Newark Planning Board  
 ALBERT BLACK - Green River, Ward  
 CLARENCE COGGINS - Director, Community Action, Model Cities  
 THOMAS F. EDWARDS - Local 888 Support Workers Union  
 LEON EVANS - Newark South Ward Councilman  
 JOHNNIE JOHNSON - South Ward Democratic Vice Chairman  
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 REV. HORACE P. SHARPER - Abolition Baptist Church  
 DR. EDWARD W. TURNER  
 COURTNEY WILKES - Essex County Complaint Bureau  
 WALTER WRIGHT - United Afro-American Association  
 JOSE ZABALA - Chief, Puerto Rican Council of Community Affairs  
 VICTORIA JONES - Central Ward Democratic Club lady  
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 HENRY RICHMOND - Central Ward Democratic Committee  
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 JULEO QUINONES - Asst. Director, TEAN Service Co.  
 WILLIAM TROSTAD - Manager, Newark Housing Authority  
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